

Baptist Church  
Anderson, Grimes County, Texas

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BAPTIST CHURCH  
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Owner Baptist Membership

Date of Erection Original building was built in 1844- present 1855.

Architect Unknown

Builder Negro slaves furnished most of the labor.

Present Condition Fair

Number of STORIES One

Other Existing Records Unknown

Materials of Construction Rock

Additional Data The original building was built on this site in 1844 but was destroyed by fire in 1850. The present building which contains many of the rock in the original building was constructed in 1855. The rock is native, being found in great quantities near the site of the building. Negro slaves furnished much of the labor, and it is said that an old negro slave who had gained quite a reputation as a mason, was in charge of the work. The church was organized by Z. N. Morrell and J. W. Creath. Some of the early pastors were J. M. Carroll, J. H. Stribling and Isec Thompson. The Baptist state convention was organized in this building in 1848 and it was often the meeting place for this body for a number of years. Both the original and the present building served as a meeting place for the fraternal order of the masons and many prominent men of that time took oath of the order for the first time in and on the site of the present building. The present building also has the distinction of being the site where the first Baptist newspaper in the state was published.

Ref: "Early History of Education of/ and Religion in Texas."  
Ebbys. Houston Public Library.

Architecturally it follows the lines of the old New England meeting houses. The stone is beautiful and interestingly laid. At one time the outside walls were stuccoed with painted joints to represent stone, but happily this camouflage is scaling off. The large double hung windows are interesting and the belfry even though designed by some mute, inglorious carpenter is not without charm and dignity.

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